

REMARKS

In the restriction requirement dated June 24, 2008 (hereinafter, "Restriction Requirement"), the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following:

Group I, consisting of claims 1-10, 26-43, 60-66, and 72-78,

Group II, consisting of claims 124-135 and 139-151,

Group III, consisting of claims 136-138 and 152-154,

Group IV, consisting of claims 155-159,

Group V, consisting of claims 160-165, and

Group VI, consisting of claims 166-204.¹

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I,² claims 1-10, 26-43, 60-66, and 72-78, characterized by the Examiner as "drawn to a method and system for providing at least one extra credit line to an existing credit card account, classified in class 705, subclass 308." Restriction Requirement, p. 2.

Applicants hereby cancel claims 124-204, without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matter. Claims 11-25, 44-59, 67-71, and 79-123 were previously canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-10, 26-43, 60-66, and 72-78 are currently pending.

¹ Applicants note that the Restriction Requirement identifies Group VI as consisting of claims 166-124. However, Applicants believe that this is a typographical error and that the Examiner intended Group VI to cover those remaining claims not otherwise identified as belonging to any other identified group.

² Notwithstanding the election of Group I, Applicants respectfully note that in the Interview Summary and Examiner's Amendment mailed February 28, 2008, this same Examiner identified then-numbered claims 11-25, 44-59, 67-71, and 79-123 as **eligible for reinstatement**. As a result of the Examiner's statement, Applicants presented new claims 124-204 which correspond to the claims that the Examiner indicated were eligible for reinstatement, *i.e.*, claims 11-25, 44-59, 67-71, and 79-123.

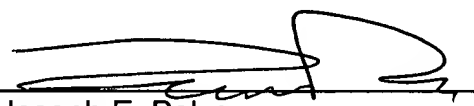
Claims 1-10, 26-43, 60-66, and 72-78 were previously identified by the Examiner as allowable in a Notice of Allowance mailed March 28, 2008. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request timely allowance of claims 1-10, 26-43, 60-66, and 72-78.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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